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It is reported that Kachin, Shan, and Chinese Sawbwas (hereditary native rulers) in the Sino-Burma border area of Yunnan Province have taken up ar. 3 against Chinese Communist forces attempting to disarm them. A reliable source reveals that Burmese authorities have received an account of this situation; according to this account trouble began early last June when the Chinese Communist gave notice to native rulers in Yunnan to surrender their weapons. Reportedly, the Shan and Chinese Sawbwas were agreeable to this, but the Kachin chieftains refused to comply on the grounds that they needed weapons for selfdefense. Following this, a Chinese Communist force of approximately 150 men was dispatched against Kachin Sawbwa Do Maw Saing, but was repulsed with 30 killed.

The account further reveals that a second Chinese punitive force, comprising 300 troops, and directed against Kachin Sawbwas Do Maw Saing and Tha Naw Zu, was also thrown back while en route into the native rulers' cerritory.

Following these actions, the Kachin, Shan, and Chinese Sawbwas of Yunnan are reported to have held a conference on 17 - 18 July at which time they agreed not to surrender their arms, but to forcibly resist the Chinese Communists as long as they had the power to do so. The account received in Burma indicates that these native forces in Yunnan have a year's supply of munitions.

/The extreme leftist Taing Lone Kyaw of 4 August also carries an account of fighting between native rulers and Chinese forces in the border area of Yunnan, but intimates that the Chinese troops involved are in reality KMT stragglers./

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